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DAN RATHER: Political rejoicing in West Germany. Political reappraisal in France. Those were the chief reactions today after the elections in which the right decisively pounded the left.

Tom Fenton reports the results may have far-reaching effects in Western Europe, beginning with missiles and money.

TOM FENTON: The results of national elections in Germany and municipal elections in France caused a wave of buying on French and German stock markets. Both elections were fought on mainly economic issues and both were defeats for the left.

In France, the conservative parties that were defeated two years ago in national elections by the Socialists and Communists won over 51 percent of the votes. In Germany, the average voter saw the conservative Christian Democrats' landslide victory as a vote of confidence in Chancellor Helmut Kohl's economic policies. Business confidence in the German economy will now improve, and investment in industry is expected to pick up. Germans also hope for some improvement in the highest rate of unemployment since World War II.

But the most important issue, as far as the United States is concerned, was not the economy, but the missile controversy. Chancellor Kohl expressed his determination to go ahead with deployment of new American missiles if arms talks with the Russians fail.

From Washington's point of view, this election produced the best possible result. The prospects now are for a stable and moderately conservative German government that is firmly

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committed to NATO. Kohl's resounding victory will give his government the strength it may need to carry out the deployment of new American nuclear missiles in the face of domestic opposition.

In Washington, the Administration was pleased.

DIRECTOR WILLIAM CASEY: I think it was very encouraging. Very encouraging. I don't think -- I don't think it means all the problems with the deployment are over, though. There's still going to be a lot of problems. But I think we have a much better climate in which to deal with them.

FENTON: A major problem will be the Greens, a radical new anti-nuclear group that won over five percent of the vote and 27 seats in the new Bundestag. The Greens warn they will organize strikes and demonstrations, risking their lives if necessary, to block installation of the missions.

PETRA KELLY: We will try to have -- to make initiatives so that people will have more freedom to make non-violent action on the street. And we, as members of the parliament, cannot risk less than the people out on the street.

FENTON: Tonight Kohl began a series of meetings with political leaders to form what should be one of the strongest and most stable governments in the Western alliance for the next four years.